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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-458]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC (Applicant) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before [INSERT

DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7151(b) and 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On July 23, 2018, DOE received an application from the Applicant for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities.

In its application, the Applicant states that it does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential Permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five (5) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene

Comments and other filings concerning the Applicant's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-458. An additional copy is to be provided to both Daniel A. King, Sempra Infrastructure, LLC, 488 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, HQ12, San Diego, CA 92101 and Kevin Ding, Sempra Infrastructure, LLC, 488 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, HQ11, San Diego, CA 92101.

should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have

been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

(10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not

have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power

supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and

copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at

http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on July 24, 2018.

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